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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
David Deperthes *et al.*

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For: INHIBITOR PROTEINS OF A PROTEASE  
AND USE THEREOF

Examiner: J. W. Lee

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2009, for which a reply was due by February 28, 2009. Attached please find a petition for a five month extension of time. If such a petition is missing, please consider this paper to be such a petition. The Director is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. KZY-003US, for any fees required to properly submit this response. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.